



ICYD KICK-OFF MEETING

September 29, 2009; 8:30am-10:30am
Iowa Department of Economic Development
200 E. Grand, Des Moines, IA

Members Present:

Preston Daniels , Director, Department of Human Rights (DHR)
Elisabeth Buck, Director, Iowa Workforce Development (IWD)
Judy Jeffrey, Director, Department of Education (DE)
Gary Kendall, Director, Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)

Members absent – with representatives from their agencies:

Charlie Krogmeier , Department of Human Services (DHS) – Mary Nelson represented
Adam Lounsbury, Iowa Commission on Volunteer Services (ICVS) – Mary Sheka represented
Chuck Morris, ISU Extension, 4-H Youth Development – Don Broshar represented
Tom Newton, Department of Public Health (IDPH) – Julie Hibben represented

Members absent:

Dick Moore, director, Child Advocacy Board
Shanell Wagler, director, Office of Empowerment

Steering Committee and State Agency Workgroup members present:

Paul Stageberg, Administrator, CJJP	Laura Larkin, DHS
Steve Michael, DHR / CJJP	Steve Havemann, I-JAG
Dave Kuker, DHR / CJJP	Becky McCalley, DHS
Jason Allen, IWD	Carol Hinton, Public Health
Diane Oak Goode, IWD	Karen Crosby, Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service
Jane Todey, ISU Partnerships in Prevention Science Institute	Annelise Plooster, DHR, SIYAC Coordinator
Cyndy Erickson, Education	Mike Williams, DHR, Division of Disabilities
Carol Behrer, Youth Policy Institute of Iowa	Amy Daniels, DHR, Youth Development Project Coordinator

1. **Objectives and Introductions:** Preston Daniels (Director, DHR) welcomed attendees and outlined the objectives of the meeting: He then began introductions and had organizations share what one issue their agency focuses on and data that supports the pressing issue.
 - a. **Don Broshar – ISU Extension**
Youth Engagement, 65% of 11th graders do not feel supported by neighbors (Iowa Youth Survey).
 - b. **Jane Todey – ISU Partnerships in Prevention Science Institute**
Better family and community/school relationships
 - c. **Mary Sheka – ICVS, First Lady**
At-Risk youth, 4/10 of homeless in Iowa are children

- d. **Judy Jeffrey – Department of Education**
Drop-out and Graduation Rates. Although Iowa has a high graduation rate (91%), we always want to work toward moving that up. Looking more into this shows us that African Americans are at 75%, Hispanics are at 75%, and poor African American Males are at 50%.
 - e. **Gary Kendall – Director of Governor’s Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP)**
Drug Abuse, 7% of 11th graders admitted to the abuse of prescription or non-prescription drugs in the past 30 days (Iowa Youth Survey).
 - f. **Julie Hibben – Department of Public Health**
Underage drinking, 19% of 11th graders admit to drinking (one alcoholic drink) in the past 30 days (Iowa Youth Survey).
 - g. **Mary Nelson – Department of Human Services**
Transitioning, especially 18-21. 25% of youth from foster homes experience some form of homelessness and 1/3 of foster kids who have transitioned out do not receive diploma/GED.
 - h. **Diane Oak Goode – Iowa Workforce Development**
Lack of Youth Employment, with fallen economy the jobs youth usually fill are being taken by more qualified adults.
 - i. **Paul Stageberg – Department of Human Rights – CJJP**
Reduce Detention Population, saw large increase from 1992-2006 in detention of minor offenders
2. **History of ICYD:** Steve Michael (CJJP) presented a PowerPoint with information on the history of ICYD and positive youth development. He stated the current ICYD vision as, “All Iowa youth will be safe, healthy, successful, and prepared for adulthood” and reviewed the ICYD Result Areas. Steve then referred to meeting packets to review Iowa’s Youth Development Strategic Plan and Results Framework. He then spoke on ICYD’s past joint initiatives, national initiatives, and the funding streams. Steve finished the PowerPoint by listing the ICYD’s cross-cutting focus areas – Transitioning Youth, Disproportionality, and Quality / Youth Engagement and the current initiatives that are addressing each focus area.

Judy Jeffrey reflected on the past accomplishments of ICYD. She spoke on how each agency comes with a succinct purpose, and the job of ICYD is to find the overlaps and capitalize on them. She asked each agency around the table: How each would determine results and how they would find flexibility across agencies to collaborate?
 3. **Transitioning to a Statutory Council:** Steve explained the rationale and need for the ICYD to become a formalized Council: A. National Trend: Nearly ½ of the States have Children Cabinets or Councils; Federal agencies are seeking ways to create cross-agency collaborations. B. A Formalized Infrastructure legitimizes the organization and assists in sustainability.

Steve introduced Cyndy Erickson, Department of Education, and Jane Todey, ISU Partnerships in Prevention Science Institute, who led the discussion and facilitated the activities on defining the Council duties as listed in the legislation and the opportunities that the legislation provides the agencies and the ICYD Council.

4. **Council Duties and Opportunities:** Cyndy went through the duties as outlined by the legislation. Jane then walked through the handout and the points from legislation. She explained that A. and G. will mostly take care of themselves – eg. Meeting times, reports, etc. B. is focusing on where our barriers are, C. is how we can coordinate and where the overlaps are, D. is focusing on strengthening partnerships, while E. and F. relate to the youth advisory council (SIYAC). Attendees were then split into small groups (3-4) to discuss what they viewed as High Impact/Easy, High Impact/Difficult, Low Impact/Easy, and Low Impact/Difficult. After discussion, each group reported out one opportunity to prioritize during the first year. Results are as follows:

High Impact/Easy:

- f. Conduct joint regional, issue specific public forums
- c. update ICYD strategic plan
- f. Participate in periodic dialogues
- d. Identify/engage additional stakeholders

High Impact/Difficult:

- b. Data dashboard to inform policy
- f. Invite SIYAC member to be represented on ICYD – training (for youth and professionals) and mentoring
- d. Communications plan
- b. Building capacity in Iowa to understand and implement practices and strategies of youth development
- c. Engage other existing councils
- d. Identify champions for ICYD and SIYAC

Low Impact/Easy:

- a/g. Organization/structure/mtgs.
- c. Identify advisory groups and councils

Low Impact/Difficult

5. **Prioritize Council's First Year Activities:** Dave Kuker brought up the point that we need to focus more on the issues rather than how to get there. Discussion that the duties/opportunities needed to be directed back to a specific issue in order to be effective and referred to the “pressing issues” that each department reported earlier (see agenda item I). Judy Jeffrey explained that we need to find an underlying cause that we can all get behind – and suggested that what most issues were striving toward was to get kids graduated from high school. There was discussion on whether that is the right issue to prioritize.



6. **Organizational Commitment:** Each director will be asked to participate on the ICYD Council. If a director is not able to make this commitment, the director will be asked to name a designee that is in a position to make decisions for the respective department. Mary Nelson reported that Charlie Krogmeier is intending to be a member of the Council.

The next meeting will include discussion on the following topics: Review the compiled results of today's discussion; Determine the actions needed to address the issues that are prioritized; Identify the specific information that needs to be collected about the existing state advisory groups and council addressing youth issues.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 27 from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm in a location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Michael